

2011

**Harford County
Commission on Disabilities
Employment Recognition Luncheon**

**Profit by Investing in
Workers with Disabilities**

Ruth Helen Thompson Memorial Award for Community Service



Judy Matthews with Helen Thompson

- Helen Thompson was a founding member of the employment committee
- She worked at DORS as a secretary and used her knowledge to help people in many ways

Ruth Helen Thompson Award for Community Service Cindy Turner - Harford Transit



- Cindy is the answer person for "How am I going to get to my job?"
- She is a great problem solver for people who use Harford Transit to get to work

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Community Service Merit Award

Nathan Schroen



- Nathan volunteers on many community projects
- Meals on Wheels, community gardening projects, recycling, soup kitchens, and greeter at the ARC

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Accessibility Award

Home Depot Aberdeen



- Aberdeen HomeDepot has worked with Ken's Krew to provide job opportunities that streamline the application process and hire people to positions that benefit the store and the worker

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Employer of the Year

Hickory Kennels – Helen Kerr



- Helen teaches her staff all aspects of kennel management
- She helps workers move from volunteer to paid employment
- Her high expectations help workers meet achievable goals

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Employer Merit Award

ShopRite



- ShopRite has invested in a number of people with disabilities
- Aberdeen ShopRite hired a greeter who was having great difficulty finding a suitable job

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Employee of the Year

Jesse Howard Bane



Quality One Inc. Landscaping

- Jesse started his own company at age 19; he employs 10 people in his landscaping business
- In addition he is a soccer coach, Sunday school teacher, & singer at his church
- He is an inspiration!

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Employee Merit Award

Brian Curl



20
YEARS
Congratulations!

- Brian has been a dependable, hard worker at Giovanni's for 20 years
- He is a dishwasher and kitchen helper on the lunch shift
- He is an important team member who genuinely cares about customers and co workers

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Employee Merit Award

Zewdu Mulgeta



- Zee works full time at McDonald's Riverside as a cook
- He also has a part time job at a hotel
- He walks to his jobs, but is planning to get his driver's license soon

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Employee Merit Award

Vincent Smith



- Vince works at Home Depot as a lumber associate and also on the lot
- He works full time and is very dependable
- He is very happy with his job

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Employee Merit Award

Jaime Walther



- Jaime is a customer service associate with Susquehanna Workforce Network
- She assists job seekers in using computers, creating resumes, and job searching

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Student Worker Award

Kathryn Nicolucci



- Katie works at Joann Fabrics doing stocking, inventory and sales
- The FutureLink program has helped her gain confidence with her customers and co-workers

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Student Worker Award

Jeremy Blackwood



Riverside

- Jeremy works at ShopRite-Riverside
- He is a porter; he manages the shopping carts, stocks shelves, and checks dates in the dairy department
- He has a strong work ethic and desire to help others

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